

## ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY RESEARCH GROUP

### AGM MINUTES

8:30am, Saturday 22nd August 2015

Summer Institute in Economic Geography, Oxford

#### 1) Attendance

Alex Hughes (Chair), Karenjit Clare (Secretary, Minutes), Adam Dixon (Treasurer), James Faulconbridge, Al James, Neil Smith, Emil Evenhuis.

#### 2) Minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved

#### 3) EGRG Committee

Alex Hughes informed members that James Faulconbridge would take over the role of Chair from September 2015. The group thanked Alex for her hard work as Chair and Al James for designing and updating the website.

Alex Hughes reminded members that Emil Evenhuis would be stepping down as the Postgraduate member, so a replacement would be needed. For this role, a suggestion of having one PhD and one post-graduate member was brought up as well as re-naming the position as early career.

#### EGRG Committee 2015-16:

Name	Role	Term
James Faulconbridge (Lancaster)	Chair	2015-18
Karenjit Clare (Loughborough)	Secretary	2014-17
Adam Dixon (Bristol)	Treasurer	2013-16
	Postgraduate	Co-opted
Sarah M Hall (Manchester)	Member	Co-opted
Al James (QMUL)	Web Officer	Co-opted
Jennifer Johns (Liverpool)	Prizes	Co-opted
Karen Lai (Nat. Univ. Singapore)	International	Co-opted

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

##### EGRG Mid-Year Financial Update

Balance carried forward at 31 December 2014: £2,290

INCOME (2015)

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**Total –**

EXPENDITURE (2015)

GCEG Travel Grant (L. Richardson)

300.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Balance at 15 August 2014:</b>	<b>£1990.00</b> (£8.35 in reserve account)

The EGRG is in roughly the same financial position than this time last year. The group has made savings from previous years with SAGE's sponsorship of the dissertation prizes and with web hosting now managed through the RGS. The group also made a slight profit with the 'impact' workshop held at last year's RGS meeting, thanks to the hard work of EGRG Chair Alex Hughes. So far this year the group has incurred one charge with the sponsorship of a travel grant to the GCEG.

The Summer Institute in Economic Geography (SIEG) will be held again in 2016 at the University of Kentucky. EGRG has been asked to provide financial support in the form of a travel grant(s), which the group has done in the past. It is the view of the Treasurer that the group can provide grants between £300-£500. If, however, the EGRG intends to hold a symposium in 2016, the group may want to consider limiting the size of the award. Given the poor attendance of UK-based PhD/early-career scholars at the last SIEG, the group may want to consider limiting the award to EGRG members.

Overall, the financial position of the EGRG is healthy.

## **6) Dissertation Prizes**

The 2015 EGRG Undergraduate Dissertation Prize was awarded to Harriet Lawrence (Durham).

Aiden Wong (QMUL) received the EGRG PhD Prize. The work was reviewed by the EGRG judging panel: Alex Hughes, Karenjit Clare and Adam Dixon.

## **7) Project: In the Business of Economic Geography (UK)**

- i) Get an overview of economic geographers in business schools (number of people)
- ii) There has been a move of relatively senior scholars in economic geography. What has been happening? What will this mean for the future of economic geography?
- iii) Who has moved? Why have they moved?
  - a. Phase 2: Online questionnaires
  - b. Phase 3: Interviews
- iv) In business schools, what research groups are economic geographers moving into?

In spring, a report will be presented to the RGS group.

We need to link these issues to the next EGRG symposium.

## **8) Collaboration with the Economic Geography Summer Institute**

- i) UK based economic geographer will receive a £350 scholarship
- ii) They can then report to the AGM (verbally) of their experience.